

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**      **S.F. No. 2490**

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03/23/2012	5067a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	5140	Second reading
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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to game and fish; modifying license requirements and fees to take wild  
1.2 animals; creating walk-in access program; providing for disposition of certain  
1.3 receipts; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections  
1.4 97A.411, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 97A.435, subdivision 2;  
1.5 97A.451, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 97A.473, subdivisions  
1.6 2, 2b, 3, 4, 5; 97A.474, subdivision 2; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11,  
1.7 12, 20, 43, 44, 45; 97A.485, subdivision 7; 97B.020; 97B.715, subdivision 1;  
1.8 97B.801; 97C.305, subdivisions 1, 2; Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement,  
1.9 sections 97A.075, subdivision 1; 97A.475, subdivision 7; proposing coding for  
1.10 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010,  
1.11 sections 97A.451, subdivisions 3a, 7; 97C.303.

1.12  
1.13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 97A.075, subdivision 1,  
1.15 is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Deer, bear, and lifetime licenses.** (a) For purposes of this  
1.17 subdivision, "deer license" means a license issued under section 97A.475, subdivisions  
1.18 2, clauses (5), (6), (7), (13), (14), and (15), ~~and~~ 3, paragraph (a), clauses (2), (3), (4),  
1.19 (10), (11), and (12); ~~and~~ 8, paragraph (b), and licenses issued under section 97B.301,  
1.20 subdivision 4.

1.21 (b) \$2 from each annual deer license and \$2 annually from the lifetime fish and  
1.22 wildlife trust fund, established in section 97A.4742, for each license issued under  
1.23 section 97A.473, subdivision 4, shall be credited to the deer management account and  
1.24 is appropriated to the commissioner for deer habitat improvement or deer management  
1.25 programs.

1.26 (c) \$1 from each annual deer license and each bear license and \$1 annually from  
1.27 the lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund, established in section 97A.4742, for each

2.1 license issued under section 97A.473, subdivision 4, shall be credited to the deer and  
2.2 bear management account and is appropriated to the commissioner for deer and bear  
2.3 management programs, including a computerized licensing system.

2.4 (d) Fifty cents from each deer license is credited to the emergency deer feeding and  
2.5 wild cervidae health management account and is appropriated for emergency deer feeding  
2.6 and wild cervidae health management. Money appropriated for emergency deer feeding  
2.7 and wild cervidae health management is available until expended. The commissioner must  
2.8 inform the legislative chairs of the natural resources finance committees every two years  
2.9 on how the money for emergency deer feeding and wild cervidae health management  
2.10 has been spent.

2.11 When the unencumbered balance in the appropriation for emergency deer feeding  
2.12 and wild cervidae health management exceeds \$2,500,000 at the end of a fiscal year, the  
2.13 unencumbered balance in excess of \$2,500,000 is canceled and available for deer and bear  
2.14 management programs and computerized licensing.

2.15 Sec. 2. **97A.126] WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM.**

2.16 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A walk-in access program is established to provide  
2.17 public access to wildlife habitat on private land for hunting, excluding trapping, as  
2.18 provided under this section. The commissioner may enter into agreements with other units  
2.19 of government and landowners to provide private land hunting access.

2.20 Subd. 2. Use of enrolled lands. (a) From September 1 to May 31, a person must  
2.21 have a walk-in access hunter validation in possession to hunt on private lands, including  
2.22 agricultural lands, that are posted as being enrolled in the walk-in access program.

2.23 (b) Hunting on private lands that are posted as enrolled in the walk-in access  
2.24 program is allowed from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

2.25 (c) Hunter access on private lands that are posted as enrolled in the walk-in access  
2.26 program is restricted to nonmotorized use, except by hunters with disabilities operating  
2.27 motor vehicles on established trails or field roads who possess a valid permit to shoot from  
2.28 a stationary vehicle under section 97B.055, subdivision 3.

2.29 (d) The general provisions for use of wildlife management areas adopted under  
2.30 sections 86A.06 and 97A.137, relating to overnight use, alcoholic beverages, use of  
2.31 motorboats, firearms and target shooting, hunting stands, abandonment of trash and  
2.32 property, destruction or removal of property, introduction of plants or animals, and animal  
2.33 trespass, apply to hunters on lands enrolled in the walk-in access program.

2.34 (e) Any use of enrolled lands other than hunting according to this section is  
2.35 prohibited, including:

- 3.1 (1) harvesting bait, including minnows, leeches, and other live bait;
- 3.2 (2) training dogs or using dogs for activities other than hunting; and
- 3.3 (3) constructing or maintaining any building, dock, fence, billboard, sign, hunting
- 3.4 blind, or other structure, unless constructed or maintained by the landowner.

3.5 Subd. 3. **Walk-in access hunter validation; fee; appropriation.** The fee for  
3.6 a walk-in access hunter validation for residents 18 and older and nonresidents is \$15.  
3.7 The fee for residents age 16 and 17 is \$7.50. Residents under age 16 must obtain a  
3.8 free validation. The walk-in access hunter validation is valid for one license year. An  
3.9 additional commission may not be assessed on validations issued under this subdivision.  
3.10 Revenue collected under this section is appropriated to the commissioner for the walk-in  
3.11 access program.

3.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.411, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.13 Subdivision 1. **License period.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (d), ~~and~~  
3.14 (e), and (f), a license is valid during the lawful time within the license year that the  
3.15 licensed activity may be performed. Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (c) and  
3.16 (f), a license year begins on the first day of March and ends on the last day of February.

3.17 (b) A short-term license issued under section 97A.475, ~~subdivision 6, clause (5),~~  
3.18 ~~97A.475, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), (5), or (6), or 97A.475, subdivision 12, clause (2),~~  
3.19 that is limited by the number of days or hours under section 97A.475, is valid for the full  
3.20 license period even if this period extends into the next license year, provided that the  
3.21 license period selected by the licensee begins at the time of issuance.

3.22 (c) The license year for ~~resident fishing, the angling portion of a sporting license,~~  
3.23 ~~nonresident fishing,~~ resident fish house, resident dark house, and nonresident fish house  
3.24 begins on March 1 and ends on April 30 of the following year.

3.25 (d) A lifetime license issued under section 97A.473 or 97A.474 is valid during the  
3.26 lawful time within the license year that the licensed activity may be performed for the  
3.27 lifetime of the licensee.

3.28 (e) A three-year fish house or dark house license is valid during the license year that  
3.29 it is purchased and the two succeeding license years.

3.30 (f) A three-year individual angling license is valid during the license year in which it  
3.31 is purchased and the two succeeding license years.

3.32 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.411, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.33 to read:

4.1           Subd. 4. Validity of license when age or residency status changes. A license to  
4.2 take wild animals that was lawfully obtained continues to be valid for the balance of the  
4.3 license period if the licensee's age, residency, or student qualification status changes.

4.4           Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.435, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.5           Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** Persons eligible for a turkey license shall be determined by  
4.6 this section and commissioner's rule. ~~A person is eligible for a turkey license only if the~~  
4.7 ~~person is at least age 16 before the season opens, possesses a firearms safety certificate, or,~~  
4.8 ~~if under age 12, is accompanied by a parent or guardian.~~

4.9           Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.451, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

4.10          Subd. 3. **Residents under age 16; small game.** (a) A resident under age 16 ~~must~~  
4.11 ~~may not~~ obtain a small game license ~~in order to~~ but may take small game by firearms or  
4.12 bow and arrow without ~~paying the applicable fees under section 97A.475, subdivisions 2,~~  
4.13 ~~4, and 5, a license~~ if the resident is:

4.14           (1) age 14 or 15 and possesses a firearms safety certificate;

4.15           (2) age 13, possesses a firearms safety certificate, and is accompanied by a parent or  
4.16 guardian;

4.17           (3) age 13, 14, or 15, possesses an apprentice hunter validation, and is accompanied  
4.18 by a parent or guardian who possesses a small game license that was not obtained using an  
4.19 apprentice hunter validation; or

4.20           (4) age 12 or under and is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

4.21          (b) A resident under age 16 may take small game by trapping without a small game  
4.22 license, but a resident 13 years of age or older must have a trapping license. A resident  
4.23 under age 13 may trap without a trapping license, but may not register fisher, otter,  
4.24 bobcat, or pine marten unless the resident is at least age five. Any fisher, otter, bobcat,  
4.25 or pine marten taken by a resident under age five must be included in the limit of the  
4.26 accompanying parent or guardian.

4.27          (c) A resident under age ~~12~~ may apply for a turkey license 13 must obtain a free  
4.28 turkey license to take turkey and may take a turkey without a firearms safety certificate  
4.29 if the resident is accompanied by an adult parent or guardian who has a firearms safety  
4.30 certificate.

4.31          (d) A resident under age ~~12~~ 13 may apply for a prairie chicken license and may take  
4.32 a prairie chicken without a firearms safety certificate if the resident is accompanied by an  
4.33 adult parent or guardian who has a firearms safety certificate.

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5.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.451, is amended by adding a subdivision  
5.2 to read:

5.3 Subd. 3b. **Nonresidents under age 18; small game.** (a) A nonresident age 16 or  
5.4 over and under age 18 may take small game by firearms or archery and may obtain a small  
5.5 game license at the resident youth fee under section 97A.475, subdivision 2, clause (17),  
5.6 if the nonresident possesses a firearms safety certificate.

5.7 (b) A nonresident under age 16 may take small game by firearms or archery and may  
5.8 obtain a small game license without paying the applicable fees under section 97A.475,  
5.9 subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, if the nonresident is:

5.10 (1) age 14 or 15 and possesses a firearms safety certificate;

5.11 (2) age 13, possesses a firearms safety certificate, and is accompanied by a parent  
5.12 or guardian; or

5.13 (3) age 12 or under and is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

5.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.451, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

5.15 Subd. 4. **Persons under age 16 13; big game.** (a) ~~A person age 12, 13, 14, or 15~~  
5.16 ~~may not obtain a license to take big game unless the person possesses a firearms safety~~  
5.17 ~~certificate. A person age 12 or 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to hunt~~  
5.18 ~~big game.~~

5.19 (b) A person age ~~10 or 11~~ ten or over and under age 13 may take big game, provided  
5.20 the person is under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian where the parent or  
5.21 guardian is within immediate reach. ~~Until March 1, 2009, a person age 10 or 11 may take~~  
5.22 ~~big game under a parent or guardian's license. Beginning March 1, 2009, A person age 10~~  
5.23 ~~or 11~~ ten or over and under age 13 must obtain a license ~~in order~~ to take big game and may  
5.24 obtain the license without paying the fee required under section 97A.475, subdivision 2.

5.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.451, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

5.26 Subd. 5. ~~Nonresidents under age 16~~ **Nonresident youth; angling.** (a) A  
5.27 nonresident under ~~the age of~~ 16 may:

5.28 (1) take fish by angling without a license if a parent or guardian has a fishing license.  
5.29 Fish taken by a nonresident under ~~the age of~~ 16 without a license must be included in the  
5.30 limit of the parent or guardian;

5.31 (b) ~~A nonresident under age 16 may~~ (2) purchase a youth fishing license ~~at the~~  
5.32 ~~resident fee~~ under section 97A.475, subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (8), and possess a  
5.33 limit of fish; or

6.1           (3) be included under a nonresident family angling license, ~~take fish by angling,~~  
6.2 and possess a limit of fish.

6.3           (b) A nonresident age 16 or over and under age 18 must purchase a youth license to  
6.4 angle under section 97A.475, subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (8).

6.5           Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.473, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.6           Subd. 2. **Lifetime angling license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime angling license  
6.7 authorizes a person to take fish by angling in the state. The license authorizes those  
6.8 activities authorized by the annual resident angling license. The license does not include a  
6.9 trout and salmon stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or other stamps required  
6.10 by law.

6.11           (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling license are:

6.12           (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$227~~ \$304;

6.13           (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$300~~ \$415;

6.14           (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$383~~ \$508; and

6.15           (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$203~~ \$335.

6.16           Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.473, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

6.17           Subd. 2b. **Lifetime angling and spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime  
6.18 angling and spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing in the  
6.19 state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling  
6.20 and spearing licenses.

6.21           (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling and spearing license are:

6.22           (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$485~~ \$380;

6.23           (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$620~~ \$509;

6.24           (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$755~~ \$617; and

6.25           (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$376~~ \$386.

6.26           Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.473, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

6.27           Subd. 3. **Lifetime small game hunting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime small  
6.28 game hunting license authorizes a person to hunt and trap small game in the state. The  
6.29 license authorizes those hunting and trapping activities authorized by the annual resident  
6.30 small game hunting and trapping licenses. The license does not include a turkey stamp  
6.31 validation or any other hunting stamps required by law.

6.32           (b) The fees for a resident lifetime small game hunting license are:

6.33           (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$217~~ \$223;

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- 7.1 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$290~~ \$301;
- 7.2 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$363~~ \$430; and
- 7.3 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$213~~ \$274.

7.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.473, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

7.5 Subd. 4. **Lifetime deer hunting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime deer hunting  
7.6 license authorizes a person to take deer with firearms or by archery in the state. The license  
7.7 authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident firearm deer hunting license  
7.8 or the annual resident archery deer hunting license. The licensee must register and receive  
7.9 tags each year that the license is used. The tags shall be issued at no charge to the licensee.

7.10 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime firearm or archery deer hunting license are:

- 7.11 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$337~~ \$406;
- 7.12 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$450~~ \$538;
- 7.13 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$573~~ \$656; and
- 7.14 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$383~~ \$468.

7.15 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.473, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.16 Subd. 5. **Lifetime sporting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime sporting license  
7.17 authorizes a person to take fish by angling and hunt and trap small game in the state. The  
7.18 license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling, resident  
7.19 small game hunting, and resident trapping licenses. The license does not include a trout  
7.20 and salmon stamp validation, a turkey stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or  
7.21 any other hunting stamps required by law.

7.22 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting license are:

- 7.23 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$357~~ \$528;
- 7.24 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$480~~ \$728;
- 7.25 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$613~~ \$861; and
- 7.26 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$413~~ \$602.

7.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.474, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7.28 Subd. 2. **Nonresident lifetime angling license; fee.** (a) A nonresident lifetime  
7.29 angling license authorizes a person to take fish by angling in the state. The license  
7.30 authorizes those activities authorized by the annual nonresident angling license. The  
7.31 license does not include a trout and salmon stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation,  
7.32 or other stamps required by law.

7.33 (b) The fees for a nonresident lifetime angling license are:

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- 8.1 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$447~~ \$726;
- 8.2 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$600~~ \$925;
- 8.3 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$773~~ \$1,054; and
- 8.4 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$513~~ \$702.

8.5 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.6 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents  
8.7 only, are:

- 8.8 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, ~~\$12.50~~ \$15.50;
- 8.9 (2) for persons ~~ages 16 and 17 and~~ age 65 or over, ~~\$6~~ \$7 to take small game;
- 8.10 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, ~~\$23~~ \$26;
- 8.11 (4) for persons ~~under~~ age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, ~~\$12~~ \$13;
- 8.12 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
8.13 season, ~~\$26~~ \$30;
- 8.14 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, ~~\$26~~ \$30;
- 8.15 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
8.16 season, ~~\$26~~ \$30;
- 8.17 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, ~~\$310~~ \$356;
- 8.18 (9) to take bear, ~~\$38~~ \$44;
- 8.19 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, ~~\$250~~ \$287;
- 8.20 (11) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;
- 8.21 (12) to take prairie chickens, ~~\$20~~ \$23;
- 8.22 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during  
8.23 the regular firearms season, ~~\$13~~ \$15;
- 8.24 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, ~~\$13~~;  
8.25 ~~and~~ \$15;
- 8.26 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader  
8.27 during the muzzleloader season, ~~\$13~~ \$15;
- 8.28 (16) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
8.29 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for the  
8.30 migratory waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
8.31 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half  
8.32 of the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in  
8.33 the pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and  
8.34 one-half of the small game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the  
8.35 wildlife acquisition account; and

9.1 (17) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5.

9.2 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

9.3 Subd. 3. **Nonresident hunting.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued  
9.4 to nonresidents, are:

9.5 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take small game, ~~\$73~~ \$90.50;

9.6 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
9.7 season, ~~\$135~~ \$160;

9.8 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, ~~\$135~~ \$160;

9.9 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
9.10 season, ~~\$135~~ \$160;

9.11 (5) to take bear, ~~\$195~~ \$225;

9.12 (6) for persons age 18 ~~and older~~ or over to take turkey, ~~\$78~~ \$91;

9.13 (7) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, ~~\$12~~ \$13;

9.14 (8) to take raccoon or bobcat, ~~\$155~~ \$178;

9.15 (9) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;

9.16 (10) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during  
9.17 the regular firearms season in any open season option or time period, ~~\$13~~ \$15;

9.18 (11) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, ~~\$13~~;  
9.19 ~~and~~ \$15;

9.20 (12) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer during the muzzleloader  
9.21 season, ~~\$13~~ \$15; and

9.22 (13) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
9.23 selected by the licensee, \$75, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for the  
9.24 migratory waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
9.25 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half  
9.26 of the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in  
9.27 the pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and  
9.28 one-half of the small game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited into the  
9.29 wildlife acquisition account.

9.30 (b) A \$5 surcharge shall be added to nonresident hunting licenses issued under  
9.31 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (6) and (8). An additional commission may not be assessed  
9.32 on this surcharge.

9.33 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

10.1 Subd. 4. **Small game surcharge.** Fees for annual licenses to take small game  
10.2 must be increased by a surcharge of \$6.50, except licenses under subdivisions 2, clause  
10.3 (16); and 3, paragraph (a), clause (13). An additional commission may not be assessed  
10.4 on the surcharge and the following statement must be included in the annual small game  
10.5 hunting regulations: "This \$6.50 surcharge is being paid by hunters for the acquisition and  
10.6 development of wildlife lands."

10.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

10.8 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents  
10.9 only, are:

10.10 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, ~~\$17~~ \$22;

10.11 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a  
10.12 married couple, ~~\$25~~ \$35;

10.13 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$17~~, and  
10.14 \$5, and the person must possess an angling license;

10.15 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected  
10.16 by the licensee, ~~\$8.50~~ \$10;

10.17 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour  
10.18 period selected by the licensee, \$12;

10.19 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years,  
10.20 \$63; and

10.21 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5.

10.22 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 7, is  
10.23 amended to read:

10.24 Subd. 7. **Nonresident fishing.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued  
10.25 to nonresidents, are:

10.26 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, ~~\$37.50~~ \$39;

10.27 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive  
10.28 days selected by the licensee, ~~\$26.50~~ \$33;

10.29 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour  
10.30 period selected by the licensee, ~~\$22~~ \$27;

10.31 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a combined license for a  
10.32 family for one or both parents and dependent children under the age of 16, ~~\$50.50~~ \$53;

10.33 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected  
10.34 by the licensee, ~~\$8.50~~ \$12;

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11.1 (6) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to 14  
11.2 consecutive days selected by one of the licensees, ~~\$38.50~~, and \$43;

11.3 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$37.50~~  
11.4 \$10, and the person must possess an angling license; and

11.5 (8) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5.

11.6 (b) A ~~\$2~~ \$5 surcharge shall be added to all nonresident fishing licenses, except  
11.7 licenses issued under paragraph (a), ~~clause clauses (5), and licenses purchased at the~~  
11.8 ~~resident fee by nonresidents under age 16 under section 97A.451, subdivision 5, paragraph~~  
11.9 ~~(b) and (8).~~ An additional commission may not be assessed on this surcharge.

11.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

11.11 Subd. 8. **Minnesota sporting; super sports.** (a) The commissioner shall issue  
11.12 Minnesota sporting licenses to residents only. The licensee may take fish by angling  
11.13 and small game. The fee for the license is:

11.14 (1) for an individual, ~~\$23~~ \$31.50; and

11.15 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish and for one spouse  
11.16 to take small game, ~~\$32~~ \$45.50.

11.17 (b) The commissioner shall issue Minnesota super sports licenses to residents only.  
11.18 The licensee may take fish by angling, including trout; small game, including pheasant  
11.19 and waterfowl; and deer by firearms or muzzleloader or by archery. The fee for the super  
11.20 sports license, including all required stamp validations is:

11.21 (1) for an individual age 18 or over, \$92.50; and

11.22 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish, including the trout and  
11.23 salmon stamp validation, and for one spouse to take small game, including pheasant  
11.24 and waterfowl, and deer, \$118.50.

11.25 (c) Revenue for the stamp endorsements under paragraph (b) shall be deposited  
11.26 according to section 97A.075, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4.

11.27 (d) Revenue for the deer license endorsement under paragraph (b) shall be deposited  
11.28 according to section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

11.29 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

11.30 Subd. 11. **Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; residents.** Fees for the  
11.31 following licenses are:

11.32 (1) annual for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is not rented, ~~\$11.50~~ \$15;

11.33 (2) annual for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is rented, ~~\$26~~ \$30;

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- 12.1 (3) three-year for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is not rented, ~~\$34.50~~  
12.2 \$42; and  
12.3 (4) three-year for a fish house, dark house, or shelter that is rented, ~~\$78~~ \$87.

12.4 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

12.5 Subd. 12. **Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; nonresident.** Fees for fish  
12.6 house, dark house, and shelter licenses for a nonresident are:

- 12.7 (1) annual, ~~\$33~~ \$37;  
12.8 (2) seven consecutive days selected by the licensee, ~~\$19~~ \$21; and  
12.9 (3) three-year, ~~\$99~~ \$111.

12.10 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

12.11 Subd. 20. **Trapping license.** The fee for a license to trap fur-bearing animals is:

- 12.12 (1) for residents over age 13 and under age 18, ~~\$6~~ \$7;  
12.13 (2) for residents age 18 or over and under age 65, ~~\$20~~ \$23;  
12.14 (3) for residents age 65 or over, ~~\$10~~ \$11.50; and  
12.15 (4) for nonresidents, ~~\$73~~ \$84.

12.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 43, is amended to read:

12.17 Subd. 43. **Duplicate licenses.** The fees for duplicate licenses are:

- 12.18 (1) for licenses to take big game, \$5, except licenses issued under subdivision 8,  
12.19 paragraph (b); and  
12.20 (2) for other licenses, \$2.

12.21 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 44, is amended to read:

12.22 Subd. 44. **Replacement licenses.** The fee for a replacement firearms deer license  
12.23 is \$5, except there is no fee for replacing a deer license issued under subdivision 8,  
12.24 paragraph (b).

12.25 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.475, subdivision 45, is amended to read:

12.26 Subd. 45. **Camp Ripley archery deer hunt.** The application fee for the Camp  
12.27 Ripley archery deer hunt is ~~\$8~~ \$12.

12.28 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.485, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

12.29 Subd. 7. **Electronic licensing system commission.** The commissioner shall retain  
12.30 for the operation of the electronic licensing system the commission established under

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13.1 section 84.027, subdivision 15, and issuing fees collected by the commissioner on all  
13.2 license fees ~~collected, excluding:~~

13.3 ~~(1) the small game surcharge;~~

13.4 ~~(2) the deer license surcharges or donations under section 97A.475, subdivisions 3,~~  
13.5 ~~paragraph (b), and 3a; and~~

13.6 ~~(3) \$2.50 of the license fee for the licenses in section 97A.475, subdivisions 6,~~  
13.7 ~~clauses (1), (2), and (4), 7, 8, 12, and 13.~~

13.8 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.020, is amended to read:

13.9 **97B.020 FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.**

13.10 (a) Except as provided in this section and section 97A.451, ~~subdivision 3a~~  
13.11 subdivisions 3 and 3b, a person born after December 31, 1979, may not obtain an annual  
13.12 license to take wild animals by firearms unless the person has:

13.13 (1) a firearms safety certificate or equivalent certificate;

13.14 (2) a driver's license or identification card with a valid firearms safety qualification  
13.15 indicator issued under section 171.07, subdivision 13;

13.16 (3) a previous hunting license with a valid firearms safety qualification indicator;

13.17 (4) an apprentice hunter validation issued under section 97B.022; or

13.18 (5) other evidence indicating that the person has completed in this state or in another  
13.19 state a hunter safety course recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement or  
13.20 certified by the department as substantially similar.

13.21 (b) A person who is on active duty and has successfully completed basic training  
13.22 in the United States armed forces, reserve component, or National Guard may obtain a  
13.23 hunting license or approval authorizing hunting regardless of whether the person is issued  
13.24 a firearms safety certificate.

13.25 (c) A person born after December 31, 1979, may not use a lifetime license to take  
13.26 wild animals by firearms, unless the person meets the requirements for obtaining an annual  
13.27 license under paragraph (a) or (b).

13.28 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.715, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

13.29 Subdivision 1. **Stamp required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or section  
13.30 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person required to possess a small game license may not hunt  
13.31 pheasants without a pheasant stamp validation.

13.32 (b) The following persons are exempt from this subdivision:

13.33 (1) residents and nonresidents under age 18 ~~or~~ and residents over age 65;

13.34 (2) persons hunting on licensed commercial shooting preserves; ~~and~~

- 14.1 (3) resident disabled veterans with a license issued under section 97A.441,  
14.2 subdivision 6a; and  
14.3 (4) residents and nonresidents hunting on licenses issued under section 97A.475,  
14.4 subdivision 2, clause (16); or 3, paragraph (a), clause (13).

14.5 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97B.801, is amended to read:

14.6 **97B.801 MINNESOTA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP REQUIRED.**

14.7 (a) Except as provided in this section or section 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person  
14.8 required to possess a small game license may not take migratory waterfowl without a  
14.9 migratory waterfowl stamp validation.

14.10 (b) Residents under age 18 or over age 65; resident disabled veterans with a license  
14.11 issued under section 97A.441, subdivision 6a; and persons hunting on their own property  
14.12 are not required to possess a stamp validation under this section.

14.13 (c) Residents and nonresidents with licenses issued under section 97A.475,  
14.14 subdivision 2, clause (16); or 3, paragraph (a), clause (13), are not required to possess a  
14.15 stamp validation under this section.

14.16 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97C.305, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.17 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** Except as provided in subdivision 2 or section  
14.18 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person over age ~~16~~ 18 and under age 65 required to possess an  
14.19 angling license must have a trout and salmon stamp validation to:

- 14.20 (1) take fish by angling in:  
14.21 (i) a stream designated by the commissioner as a trout stream;  
14.22 (ii) a lake designated by the commissioner as a trout lake; or  
14.23 (iii) Lake Superior; or  
14.24 (2) possess trout or salmon taken in the state by angling.

14.25 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97C.305, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

14.26 Subd. 2. **Exception.** A trout and salmon stamp validation is not required to take fish  
14.27 by angling or to possess trout and salmon if:

- 14.28 (1) the person:  
14.29 (i) possesses a license to take fish by angling for a period of 24 hours or 72 hours  
14.30 from the time of issuance under section 97A.475, subdivision 6, clause (4) or (5); or  
14.31 ~~subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (3) or (5), and~~  
14.32 (ii) is taking fish by angling, or the trout or salmon were taken by the person, during  
14.33 the period the license is valid;

15.1 (2) the person is taking fish, or the trout or salmon were taken by the person, as  
15.2 authorized under section 97C.035; or

15.3 (3) the person has a valid license issued under section 97A.441, subdivision 1, 2,  
15.4 3, 4, or 5.

15.5 Sec. 34. **TRANSFER.**

15.6 In fiscal year 2013, the commissioner of management and budget shall transfer  
15.7 \$500,000 from the game and fish fund to the invasive species account created in Minnesota  
15.8 Statutes, section 84D.15. This is in addition to the transfer specified in Minnesota Statutes,  
15.9 section 84D.15, subdivision 2.

15.10 Sec. 35. **APPROPRIATION.**

15.11 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2013 from the invasive species account is added to  
15.12 the appropriation in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 4,  
15.13 subdivision 3, for invasive species activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

15.14 Sec. 36. **REPEALER.**

15.15 Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 97A.451, subdivisions 3a and 7; and 97C.303, are  
15.16 repealed.

15.17 Sec. 37. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15.18 Sections 1 to 33 and 36 are effective March 1, 2013.

**97A.451 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS RELATING TO AGE.**

Subd. 3a. **Nonresidents under age 18; small game.** (a) A nonresident under age 18 may obtain a small game license at the resident fee under section 97A.475, subdivision 2, clause (2), if the nonresident:

(1) possesses a firearms safety certificate; or

(2) if age 13 or under, is accompanied by a parent or guardian when purchasing the license.

(b) A nonresident age 13 or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to take small game. A nonresident age 12 or under is not required to possess a firearms safety certificate under section 97B.020 to take small game.

Subd. 7. **Residents over age 65; spearing.** A resident age 65 or over may take fish by spearing without a spearing license if the resident has an angling license.

**97C.303 CONSERVATION ANGLING LICENSE.**

Subdivision 1. **Availability.** The commissioner shall make available a conservation angling license according to this section. Conservation angling licenses shall be offered for resident individuals and resident married couples.

Subd. 2. **Daily and possession limits.** Daily and possession limits for fish taken under a conservation angling license are one-half the daily and possession limits for the corresponding fish taken under a standard angling license, rounded down to the next whole number if necessary.

Subd. 3. **License fee.** The fee for a conservation angling license issued under this section is two-thirds of the corresponding standard angling license fee under section 97A.475, subdivision 6, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.